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For: A METHOD OF PHOTORESIST )  
REMOVAL IN THE PRESENCE )  
OF A DIELECTRIC LAYER )  
HAVING A LOW K-VALUE )

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 23, 2003, and the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 filed concurrently herewith. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter this Amendment and consider the following remarks.

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